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Jury Trial Verdict In Rape Case: Martin Cazares, Kern County Superior Court Case # BF188140A

Bakersfield – District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant sexual assault conviction today. In a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Samantha Allen, a Kern County jury on May 19, 2022 found defendant Martin Cazares guilty of two counts of forcible rape with the use of a deadly weapon, kidnapping, and criminal threats.

Between November 1, 2021 and November 9, 2021, Cazares beat, kidnapped and sexually assaulted his girlfriend of five years. The victim's sister became concerned when she did not regularly hear from the victim and filed a missing persons report which sparked the investigation. Cazares was located in Santa Barbara with the victim, where injuries from a beating ten-days prior were still visible.

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction, stating, "We are grateful for the efforts of the jury, who must hear evidence of unspeakable acts of violence to ensure that the guilty are held accountable. I hope this conviction brings justice and closure to the victim, and that an appropriate sentence ensures that Cazares will not further endanger public safety."

Sentencing is set for June 14, 2022, before Superior Court Judge Pulskamp. Cazares faces a prison sentence of up to 25 years to life, plus 5 years.

Martin Cazares:

